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Washington, D. C. — AFL President William Green called upon the Government to scrap the compulsory features of the new and drastic "job freezing" regulations issued by War Manpower Commissioner McNutt.

These regulations, Mr. Green insisted in a public statement, would substitute "forced labor" for free labor in America.

McNutt's "job freeze order" tightened the wage squeeze on labor by forbidding 27,000,000 "essential" workers from receiving raises.

The drastic regulations, providing penalties of as much as a year in jail for violations, carried out the directions of President Roosevelt's Executive Order intended to "hold the line" on wages and prices.

However, no effective action has as yet been taken by the Government to control food prices.

The job "freeze" regulations were issued without consultation with organized labor and without seeking the

While the "job freeze" order covers the entire country, it will have more

heavily on those engaged in 35 activities listed as essential by the War Manpower Commission in 32 "critical" labor shortage areas where the WMC is seeking to stop pirating of labor by employers through offer of high

Henceforth, workers may take new jobs at higher pay only when the shift is from a non-essential to another non-essential job, or from non-essential to essential war work.

Job shifts for higher pay are forbidden when the change is from one essential job to another or from essential work to non-essential activity.

Exceptions are made in cases where local wage stabilization plans provide

In "surplus" labor areas, employers and employees will have to appeal to the local Manpower Commission Dis-

The only broad exception permitted under the new regulations for the transfer of war workers to different jobs at higher pay is when such

At a press conference, McNutt explained that if a worker in Buffalo for instance, wished to transfer to a

job in Detroit, another critical labor area, in order to take a war job at a dollar an hour instead of the eighty-five cent rate he may have received in Buffalo, he would have to obtain a statement of availability or certificate

Similarly, if he wished to change to another job at higher pay in Buffalo he would have to obtain such a certification.

In a formal statement, McNutt said "These regulations are a sincere attempt on my part to fulfill the in-

tion of section 3 of the Executive Order issued by the President on April 8. The intent of that section as we have interpreted it, is to prohibit the transfer of workers for higher pay except as such transfers are in the interest of the war effort."

**AFL VICTORIOUS IN POLL
AT PLANT IN DAVENPORT**

Washington, D. C.—Organizer John Schreier reported to AFL President William Green that a National Labor Relations Board election at the plant of the Uchtorff Manufacturing Company, Davenport, Iowa, to choose a

A high standard of production was maintained throughout the election campaign, with the result that the

SHIP DELIVERIES HIT

HIGH POINT IN MARCH

Washington, D. C.—American merchant shipyard workers during March smashed all previous records for ship deliveries with the completion of 19

new vessels, totaling 1,516,000 tons deadweight, the Maritime Commission announced. March output corresponded to a rate of more than 18,000,000 tons a year. Although the commission's schedules called for the rate to

5 ships a day by May, this rate has already been achieved.

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